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## **MIZORAM VILLAGE DEFENCE ORGANISATION RULES, 1981.**

### **Preamble :**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the Assam Village Defence Organization Act, 1966 (Assam Act XXII of 1966) as applicable to the Union Territory of Mizoram, and of all other powers here-unto enabling him in this behalf, the Administrator of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules, namely :—

### **PART-I GENERAL**

#### **1. Short title and commencement :—**

- (1) These Rules may be called the Mizoram Village Defence Organization Rules, 1981,
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Mizoram Gazette.

### **PART - II CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND VILLAGE DEFENCE PARTY**

#### **2. District Advisory Committee :—**

A District Advisory Committee shall be formed in each District Headquarters with 2 or 3 members from each Sub-Division to be appointed by the Government on the recommendations of the District Village Defence Officer to advise him on matters pertaining to the Village Defence Party. The District Village Defence Officer shall conduct the affairs of the Committee and preside over its meetings.

**3. Sub-Divisional Advisory Committee :—**

A Sub-Divisional Advisory Committee shall be formed in each Sub-Divisional Headquarters having 2 members from each Thana and shall be appointed by the District Village Defence Officer on the recommendations of the Sub-Divisional Village Defence Officer to advise the latter on the matters pertaining to the Village Defence Party. The Sub-Divisional Village Defence Officer shall conduct the affairs of the Committee and preside over its meetings.

**4. Thana Advisory Committee :—**

A Thana Advisory Committee shall be formed in each Thana with one member from each Primary Committee to be appointed by the District Village Defence Officer on the recommendations of the Thana Defence Officer to advise the latter on matters pertaining to the Village Defence Organisation. The Thana Village Defence Officer shall conduct the affairs of the Committee and preside over its meetings.

**5. Village Defence Primary Committee :—**

A Village Defence Primary Committee shall be formed for each Veng in larger towns and Village Defence Party in rural areas by the District Village Defence Officer on the recommendations of the Thana Village Defence Officer. The Primary Committee shall consist of the Naik of Veng/Village Defence Party and 6 committee members, all to be nominated by the Thana Village Defence Officer. They will elect the President and the Secretary and conduct the business of that Village Defence Party.

**6. Village Defence Party :—**

Village Defence Party shall be formed in a Village with a minimum 30 adult members.

**7. Enrolment of members of Village Defence Organisation :—**

- (1) Any adult citizen of India who willing to accept the duties and responsibilities enjoined upon the Village Defence Party shall fill up the enrolment-cum—Oath form prescribed in Schedule—I.
- (2) The Thana Village Defence Officer, if satisfied about the bonafides of the citizen, shall issue enrolment certificate prescribed in Schedule—II.

**8. Jurisdiction :—**

The jurisdiction of the Veng/Village Defence Party shall be confined to the limits of the conventional boundary of the Veng/Village out of which the Veng/Village Defence Party is formed. However, the Thana Village Defence Officer may, under special circumstances, extend the jurisdiction of a Village Defence Party.

**9. Tenure of the Committee :—**

The tenure of all the Committee formed under these rules shall be for a period of 3 years from the date of the first sitting of each Committee.

**10. Quorum :—**

The quorum of each sitting of all the Committee shall be one-half of the total number of the members. The District, Sub-Divisional and Thana Advisory Committees shall meet atleast once in three months.

**PART - III ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS & FUNCTIONS :**

**11. Chief Controller Village Defence Organization :—**

The Chief Controller shall be responsible for control, supervision and the administration of the entire Village Defence Organisation. He may call for such periodical reports from the districts as are considered necessary. He may prescribe such registers to be maintained by different Committee and Parties as deemed necessary. He may organise, through District Village Defence Organisation, camps to impart training to Village Defence members and also organise Village Defence Party rallies at various levels.

**12. District Village Defence Officer :—**

District Village Defence Officers shall be responsible for the administration of the Village Defence Organisation in their respective districts. The District Village Defence Officers shall watch and supervise the working of the Village Defence Organisation and inspect as may Primary Committees as possible at convenient intervals and inspect at any time the registers maintained by Village Defence Organisation at various levels in their respective districts.

**13. Function of the Advisory Committees :—**

- (1) The Advisory Committees shall recommend steps to be taken to popularise the Village Defence Parties to create enthusiasm amongst the population and to improve the working of the Village Defence Organisation.
- (2) The proceedings of the Advisory Committees shall be recorded in a register to be maintained by the Presiding Officer of the concerned Advisory Committee.

**14. Primary Committees :—**

The duties and functions of the Primary Committees shall be as under, namely :—

- (1) To ensure smooth working of the Veng/Village Defence Parties.
- (2) The Committee shall ensure that the Village Defence Party carry out the duties and responsibilities enjoined upon them under Rule 16.

**15. Naik :—**

The Naik for each Village Defence Party, appointed by the Thana Village Defence Officer, shall be responsible for actually turning out the members of the Village Defence Party for petrol and watch duty and other duties as prescribed under Rule 16. He shall check the working of his Party at night as often as possible.

**16. Duties and Responsibilities of Village Defence Parties :—**

- (a) Carry out regular beat patrolling in their jurisdiction and its outskirts;
- (b) Protect the village against attacks from hostiles and anti-social elements including those from across the border;
- (c) Promptly report to the Police of intention to commit or commission of any non bailable or cognizable crime, presence of escaped convicts or proclaimed offenders and any matter likely to affect maintenance of law and order, peace and tranquility or the prevention of crime or the safety of life and property ;
- (d) Keep watch over suspected criminals, receivers of stolen property and habitual criminals ;
- (e) Aid the police in searching for missing persons, suspected criminals, proclaimed offenders, escapees and such other anti- social elements;
- (f) Promptly report any unnatural deaths.
- (g) Promptly report possession or storage of illegal arms in the Village;
- (h) Do social works such as construction of roads, such welfare activities as may be directed by the Primary Committee.
- (i) Help the village and Government agencies during natural calamities, form rescue and rehabilitation teams during fires, flash floods, earthquakes, famines and the like;
- (j) Promptly report if any one from their village has joined any unlawful or undesirable organisation and also the movement of members of such organisations in their area;
- (k) Provide guides and other type of assistance to police in times of need ; and
- (l) They shall not usurp police powers or take the law into their own hands and shall act with restraint and circumspection.

**17. Staff for the Village Defence Offices :—**

One Sub-Inspector each may be posted in the Offices of the Chief Controller and District Village Defence Officer and one Assistant Sub-Inspector in each Police Station to maintain the records of the Village Defence Organisation and to assist the concerned officers in the discharge of their functions in respect of the Village Defence Organisation.

**PART - IV VILLAGE DEFENCE ORGANISATION  
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**18. Chief Controller :—**

The Chief Controller shall control the budget of the entire Organisation. He shall also be the drawing and disbursing Officer in respect of his office establishment.

**19. District Village Defence Officer :—**

The Superintendent of Police of the district as the District Village Defence Officer shall be the drawing and disbursing Officer in respect of his establishment as well as for bills for contingencies, pocket allowances, travelling allowances and daily allowance to be paid to the Village Defence Organisation members in his district. He shall be responsible for maintaining proper accounts of the Government monies as well as the Government property allotted to his district pertaining to the Village Defence Organisation.

**20. Thana Village Defence Organisation :—**

The Thana Village Defence Officer shall be responsible for maintaining proper accounts of Government monies received and disbursed and of the Government property received and issued pertaining to the Village Defence Organisation.

**21. Primary Committee :-**

The Secretary of every Primary Committee shall maintain proper account of Government monies received and of articles and goods supplied by the Government. He shall be responsible for any loss of the Government monies and damage or loss of property supplied by the Government; It shall be lawful for the District Village Defence Officer to make recovery for any loss, damage or misuse.

**22. Pocket Money :-**

The Village Defence Parties shall get regular financial aid from the Government as pocket money at the rate of Rs. 50. 00 per man sent to meet such charges as kerosine, flash-light torches, batteries stationeries etc. Payment of pocket money shall be contingent upon actual functioning of the parties and no pocket money shall be admissible for periods during which Village Defence Party remained dormant. Payment of pocket money shall be made through the Thana Village Defence Officer.

**23. Daily Allowances :—**

Daily allowance may be given to the members of the Advisory Committee who undertake journey to attend the Advisory Committee Meetings at the rate of Rs. 15/- per day taking the actual number of days for forward and return journeys into account. In case the meeting is held at place other than the headquarters of the member and the number of days on which the Advisory Committee meeting is actually attended, no other allowance shall be admissible.

**24. Supply of equipments :—**

Each Village Defence Party shall be supplied with the following articles to enable it to carry out its duties effectively namely :—

(i)	Whistle	—	3
(ii)	Flashlight Torch	—	2 (3 cell torches)
(iii)	Umbrella or Rain Coat	—	5
(iv)	Blanket or Great Coat	—	5
(v)	Village Defence Party Badges	—	30
(vi)	Naik badge	—	1

The scale and type of equipment may be suitably increased or modified by the Chief Controller of Village Defence Organisation depending upon the size of the Village Defence Party and prevailing circumstances.

**25. Rewards :—**

(a) Cash rewards may be sanctioned by the Chief Controller or the District Village Defence Officer, as the case may be, for outstanding good work done by any Village Defence Party. The Financial limits of the respective Village Defence Organisation Officers shall be as under :—

(i) Chief Controller of Village Defence Organisation :—

Upto Rs 500/- at a time for a specific good work done by a Village Defence Party.

(ii) District Village Defence Officer :—

Upto Rs 200/- at a time for a specific good work done by a Village Defence Party within his jurisdiction.

(b) The Thana level Advisory Committee shall recommend suitable rewards and send the same to the District Village Defence Officer through Sub-Divisional Village Defence Organisation Advisory Committee. The District Village Defence Officer may, on hearing of a good work done by a Village Defence Party, call for recommendations of the Sub-Divisional and Thana Advisory Committee and after satisfying himself, draw up proceedings and grant the reward.

(c) It shall be obligatory on the part of District Village Defence Officer to prepare detailed proceedings in respect of all reward proposed to be given to the Village Defence Party within his jurisdiction and after careful consideration issue orders accordingly. He shall maintain a register in which extract of proceedings and rewards given shall be entered. Where he feels that the reward considered fit by him exceeds his financial competence, he shall prepare proceedings and submit the same to the Chief Controller of Village Defence Organisation making specific recommendations.

If the Chief Controller of Village Defence Organisation accepts the recommendation, he shall issue sanction and send it to the District Defence Officer who will enter the said proceedings in the rewards register, draw and pay the rewards. The District Village Defence Officer shall send copies of the reward roll to Sub-Divisional and Thana Village Defence Officers for record and information. The District Village Defence Officer and lower level Village Defence Officers shall ensure that one single instance of good work is not recommended for rewards twice.

## PART V OTHER PROVISION—BAGES AND DANGER SIGNALS

### 26. Bages :—

Village Defence Party badges prescribed by Chief Controller shall be worn by the Village Defence Party members while on duty. It shall be the duty of the Naik to issue these items when detailing Village Defence Party members for duty.

### 27. Danger Signals :—

- (1) Danger or alarm signals at the time of actual or anticipated danger shall be given in the following manner :—
  - (i) Quick ringing of an improvised bell giving a sound loud enough to be heard from all corners of the villages forming the beat,
  - (ii) Quick beating of drums.
- (2) Such improvised bell shall be hung in the centre of the group of villages preferably in an elevated place where the drums are kept.
- (3) While on patrol or watch duty alarms shall be given by the patrol or watch party by blowing the whistle in quick successive short blasts.
- (4) The Thana Village Defence Officer or Thana Advisory Committee shall give the Naiks of Village Defence Parties training in Alarms and danger signals. Police Officers visiting Village Defence Party Centre shall give practice in alarm signals.

## SCHEDULE - I

### ENROLMENT AND OATH FORM (VILLAGE DEFENCE ORGANISATION RULE 7 (I))

I am willing to enrol as a Member of the Village Defence Organisation. I am ready to perform the duties and the responsibilities assigned to the members of the Village Defence Organisation as provided in the rules. I swear/solemnly affirm to abide by the provisions of Act and rules.

Signature :

Name :

Village :

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## SCHEDULE - II

### ENROLMENT CERTIFICATE VILLAGE DEFENCE ORGANISATION RULE 7 (2)

Sbri village

is a member of Village Defence Organisation with effect from He is entitled to enjoy the powers and the privileges as per provisions of Village Defence Organisations Act and Rules.

Village Defence Officer